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Hon. William Kennard, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

CBS Radio 880 AM (New York) is a 24 hour news station which announces all day, "Experience You Can Trust, Count on CBS News." One of their regular team of newscasters is Mr. Harley Carnes. On July 21, 2000, at about 1 P.M., Mr. Carnes delivered a surprising trashing attack on Vice President Albert Gore including, "Al Gore, who the heck are you?" and "You put people to sleep."

Since Mr. Carnes is a regular CBS newscaster, his words were startling and confusing to say the least. On May 23, 2000, at 1:30 P.M. during a typical newscast program, Mr. Harley Carnes delivered a slashing, insulting attack on First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton with innuendos concerning the impeachment of President Clinton. There was no statement that Mr. Carnes did not represent the views of CBS Radio or its sponsors. On March 29, 2000, once again during a regular newscast program, Mr. Harley Carnes delivered a mean-spirited commentary referring to our "draft dodging President."

Chairman Kennard, I am aware of First Amendment rights; however, I am concerned that an outside organization may be responsible for Mr. Harley Carnes' obvious attacks on President Clinton, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vice President Albert Gore. I am also concerned that CBS Radio 880 A.M. may be directing Mr. Harley Carnes to deliver these political attacks directed at the Clintons and Gore. If CBS Radio 880 A.M. is aware of these attacks, it may be in violation of pertinent FCC Regulations and possibly illegal.

I would be most grateful if the Federal Communications Commission would advise me if Mr. Harley Carnes' conduct which may be sanctioned by CBS could be improper.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Eli Mason

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Reforming your Taxes

George W. Bush has a plank problem. He talks about tax breaks for people like you and me who work for a living. He forgets that people generally have attention spans about as long as the break between TV commercials into which portions of "Survivor" or "Sex in the City", are inserted.

When times are tough, people focus on their taxes. When times are easy, they don't. We work longer each year to pay our taxes, from the first of the year, deep into April and May. This year was May 8th. All the money you earned from January First until then went to the government. The Tax Foundation says, "Since 1992 the total tax burden has grown markedly, and while state and local taxes have grown somewhat, the lion's share of the increase has been the rapid growth of federal tax collections."

The Foundation is talking about the Clinton - Gore years of course. Bill and Al brought us one of the biggest tax increases in U.S. history.

Once tax increases are passed, they are very difficult to eliminate, and this economic expansion will not last forever. When things slow down and they will, higher taxes will hurt. And they will hurt the working families Gore pretends he's fighting for, most of all.

The balanced budget amendment should be passed, federal spending should be frozen for the next few years, special programs to benefit big corporations should be stopped, Social Security and Medicare's retirement age should be

increased gradually, and scores of federal agencies should be eliminated.
That's a partial list. Sadly - neither of the major parties is willing to bite
those bullets. I'm HC.

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Sneaky Pete Gun Registration

Bill Clinton and Al Gore are making a back door attempt to create a national handgun registration program. They are trying to make it happen, not straight up and honest, through legislation but by making a bureaucratic change to the IRS code.

You can find out all about this new brand of Clintonian perfidy, on the Senate's own government web site. Senate Bill, S 2099 IS, would require things that people would never stand for if they tried to do it honestly.

How about fingerprinting everyone who owns a gun. How about being told to declare every gun that you own on your tax form, as though it's an asset. And they'd demand a transfer tax of 50 dollars per gun.

It has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

The bill is titled, "Handgun Safety and Registration Act of 2000. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the registration of handguns, and for other purposes." What do they mean, 'and for other purposes?' Also, the bill allows an open checkbook for enforcement, saying, that money will be appropriated as necessary for the Treasury department to implement the provisions of the act.

One more thing. When were they going to tell you about it? Not until after it's passed. The bill says, that 60 days after enactment, a public education campaign would start to tell you about the new rule.

And once again, this new restriction would clearly have no effect on a criminal. It does widen the government's database on honest citizens. Bill Clinton and Al Gore seem to forget that the government belongs to you, not the other way around.

This is a wakeup call, folks. Big Brother is awake and approaching you from the rear. I'm HC.

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Winds of Change on Pa. Avenue

The residents of the White House will soon change. That much is obvious. Whether they will be from the Democratic or Republican party seems to be the only question. The Libertarian Party and the Reform Party have no shot, no matter how attractive their platforms may be to many people.

Bill and Hillary Clinton will be out of the White House. As for Bill, there's the real likelihood that he will be spending a lot of time in court, over charges of law breaking both as President and before. Once he's out of office the Independent Counsel's office can and will take the gloves off. Hillary could still swim in very hot water. It all remains to be seen.

A more pressing question rests on the future of Al Gore, whose role in illegal fund raising is still under investigation. So many Clinton - Gore investigation issues are still alive.

As for Gore in the election, his biggest problem is: Joe Lieberman is more engaging and interesting than he is and that's troublesome. The President is supposed to be the dynamic leader of the most powerful nation on Earth. Al Gore is the poster child for the wimp club.

George Bush and Dick Cheney's biggest problem is, they are rich. Fact is, all four men - Bush, Cheney, Gore, and Lieberman are millionaires. So are their friends. Truth is, despite the roaring about differences by both parties

- the two tickets are both centrist. The difference is in the lean.

The ultimate issue in the voting booth will be dynamism and leadership potential. That's why things look very good for George Bush, at the moment.

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Gore - Lieberman

Al Gore's selection of Joe Lieberman as a running mate is a good one. Lieberman has sprinkled his generally liberal voting record with enough conservative votes to be able to call himself a free thinker. And he is.

He is one of the few, popular politicians in the country who could make Al Gore look good in a speech though, but aside from that, Senator Lieberman is a high quality pick, for sure.

What's striking, matter of fact, is the comparison of Gore to all three of the other men on the two major party tickets.

Gore's mentor, Bill Clinton, call Joe Lieberman a bold thinker, full of new ideas...an amazing person.

The contrast is even more striking when comparing Gore to .. George Bush and Dick Cheney. Bush, the proven consensus builder, the education candidate whose wife is a teacher. Cheney, respected by world leaders and richly experienced on the national scene. Both of them will make dynamic, powerful leaders of the nation.

George W. Bush has been very much available to members of the press for engaging conversations about issues, politics and life. In that way, he's very much like Bill Clinton.

Al Gore has been vastly less available and when he is, is much more careful about what he says and how he says it, as though worried he'll trip up,

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put his foot in his mouth again, or get caught in another flip-flop.

Joe Lieberman will be helpful in that regard. Gore can let Joe handle the issues and namby-pamby Al can practice shouting in his speeches in hopes of keeping us awake. HC

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Al Gore - the New Dan Quayle

Al Gore puts Dan Quayle in the back seat for foot-in-mouth disease. Al has said more dumb, laughable things than Quayle ever did. Forget about his politics, for the moment, his weather-vane positions on the issues and all of that. Just pay attention to only a few goofy Goreisms.

Quote: "During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet." He said that to Wolf Blitzer at CNN, by the way.

"We can build a collective civic space large enough for all our separate identities, that we can be e pluribus unum -- out of one, many." He got it backward. E Pluribus Unum, as school children know means, "out of many, one."

When visiting Monticello during the first Inauguration, he looked around at the busts of past presidents and asked, "Who are these people?"

On the Birth of Christ, he told a news conference at the Housing Department. "Speaking from my own religious tradition in this Christmas season, 2,000 years ago a homeless woman gave birth to a homeless child in a manger because the inn was full." Duh. Joseph and Mary were not homeless. Joseph was a carpenter by profession, and they traveled to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. And Gore claims to be a Christian.

Gore walked onto the stage in front of a largely Hispanic high school. He wanted to say, 'muchas gracias'. Thank you very much. He said, "Machismo

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Gracias". Manliness thank you. Got it, Thanks Al.

And once when attacking Pres. George Bush, he said, "A zebra does not change its spots."

Those of you who laughed so hard at Dan Quayle must be in stitches by now. I'm HC

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Bill Clinton - the Diplomat

Ronald Reagan was called the Great Communicator, and it was an apt appellation for the man. He was brilliant at communicating the values that described his vision and his position. That was his greatest strength. His second greatest was his ability to surround himself with capable people. Whatever you think of his politics, those two things distinguished him from most presidents and made him effective.

The second greatest communicator of the modern era is Bill Clinton. This is a man with huge charisma and remarkable persuasive abilities. That he made some incredibly bad personal decisions, and wasted the nation's time hassling over it instead of just telling the truth and moving on, is the part of his legacy that will hurt him in the history books. He robbed himself of what could have been greatness.

Now, that said, let's look at one of his greatest leaners.

The Middle East Peace Talks failed, but it should be fairly noted how far he has come. When Bill Clinton became President, he was in foreign policy kindergarten. George Stepanopoulos, writes in Newsweek how Clinton asked disgraced Republican President Richard Nixon for help. Nixon taught Clinton valuable lessons, and Clinton learned well. He did well with post-Soviet Russian leaders, particular Yeltsin. They drank together. They got along.

They reached important understandings.

I'd be willing to bet Israelis and Palestinians now understand each other better, and are slowly developing empathy. Understanding and empathy are bridges toward agreement. If so, it's in large part because of Clinton's charm and ability to enroll you in his conversation.

Here's hoping those bridges may one day be crossed in peace. I'm HC.

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Hillary Said It

There are a couple of ways to look at what's happening with the controversy over Hillary Clinton's Jewish slur of 26 years ago. Jerry Oppenheimer writes in his new book, "State of the Union", that an upset Hillary lashed out at campaign aide, Paul Fray, as a "Jew bastard". There are three people who heard her say it.

Hillary says it didn't happen. In other words, all three of those people are lying.

However, we now learn or perhaps remember that another witness recalled that same incident nine months ago, and the news media chose not to report it. The allegation was made by Larry Patterson, her former bodyguard. Matter of fact, Patterson says it wasn't a one time outburst. He's told newsmag.com, Hillary frequently labels Jews as "bastards" or "M-Fers".

The new allegation is that she referred to Maureen Dowd, Times newspaper columnist, as "...a short, Irish bitch." That was only 7 years ago. It was first reported by the American Spectator in 1996.

So, here are your options. You can believe the witnesses. She said it. And she's lied to us since then, rather than come clean. There's a familiar ring to that, for sure.

You can believe Hillary. It never happened. She wouldn't say such

things. Everyone else is lying about her.

Or, you can decide, you don't care. It was 26 years ago. It was 7 years ago. Maybe it was last week. You don't care. And if so, just don't turn around and start caring when someone else pops off with an ethnic slur.

Just remember this: "Every time we let a religious or racial slur go unchallenged or an indignity go unanswered, we are making a choice to be indifferent, a choice to constrict the circle of human dignity a choice, I believe, to ignore history at our children's peril." That's a quote from Hillary Clinton, hypocrite, April 12th, of last year. I'm HC.

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Al Gore - Who Are You ?

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This presidential race, I'm starting off by trying to figure out who the candidates really are. Forget about the issues for a moment. Both Al Gore and George Bush will say whatever they think they have to say to get elected. You can bet ya' momma's knickers on that.

Today, a look at Al Gore. I'll get around to Bush, later on.

Al Gore has learned alot from Bill Clinton. The indirect answer dance. If there is one abidingly unsettling feature of Al Gore, it's this. We don't know who he is. Gore is a legendary flip-flopper, speaking with one fork of his tongue to one audience, and with the other, to their opponents. Worst of all, he now says he has changed. "I'm a changed man," he declares.

Okay, I'll bite. From what kind of man did you change? Why did you need to change, Al? And what are you now that you have changed? By definition, you must not be man, the candidate, the politician you used to be or that we thought you were and if that's the case then, on what are we supposed to make our decision? Who the heck are you anyway?

Most of the time, you put people to sleep, Al, when you speak, except when you get in front of a minority audience. Then you try to sound like a Southern brimstone preacher. It sounds so bogus it makes people laugh. That can't be you.

So, at the moment, I'm just curious. Are you the left winger most people think you are? Or worse, are you a chameleon, without real stripes, principles

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or positions? Al Gore - who are you? I'm HC.

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China Trade

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The issue is China Trade. Pres. Clinton has done the right thing. It is mostly, a good plan. The U.S. is caught betwixt and between on this question. Betwixt our yearning for improved human rights, and between our devotion and reliance on the Almighty Dollar.

China is one of the most oppressive governments on this small planet. Nearly one and a half billion people live under the thumb of a harsh version of communism there, in which their lives are truly not their own. We struggle against the proclivities of our own government, and have to fight with great vigilance to protect our own dwindling freedoms and we have a government founded on a principle of individual liberty. In China, there is no such struggle. Occasional outbreaks of protest and public discourse are promptly squashed, free spirits quickly extinguished or thrown into gulags.

Bill Clinton has shown great courage in the face of such giant threats as Bosnia and Kosovo. He plays nice with China. Disregard that hypocrisy for the moment. The President is right not to go nose to nose with China just now. No country has ever beaten China in the long run. Do you realize that? Short of a world war, we can't beat them either.

So, Clinton is right on the money when he says, our best chance is to bring China along a positive road on human rights with more open trade. Business leaders and most Republicans say the same thing. Let economic success

expand the possibilities for the Chinese which in the process will make America more prosperous.

Human beings respond to possibility. Once ignited, the flame of freedom is very persistent. I'm HC.

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Bill Clinton - to be Disbarred

Pres. Bill Clinton is likely to lose his law license. Legal experts say it's only the beginning of the real troubles to come - about the time he leaves the White House.

Bill Clinton broke the law in the Paula Jones and Monica Lewinsky cases. He lied about it, to the court, to the Independent Counsel's office, to the nation. He was sanctioned by the Federal Judge for it. He was impeached by Congress for it. He has paid big fines for breaking the law. That is not politics. That's the reality of the situation.

Now, a committee with the job of recommending to the Arkansas Supreme Court, what to do about Clinton's law license, says he should be disbarred for serious misconduct in the Jones case, and should be disciplined in the Lewinsky case.

The Clintons have distinguished themselves as masters of the lie, the cover, and the side-step. Bill Clinton said he didn't have sex with Monica - based on his own definition. But Sodomy in the eyes of the law is most definitely a sexual act - and people are in jail for it across the country. Bill Clinton, the lawyer knew that, of course. But Bill Clinton the politician, the man, couldn't own up to it, and just tell the truth.

Hillary called it a vast right wing conspiracy, but she knew better than that. Al Gore said he believed his friend, Bill. But, unless he was deaf and

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blind as well as dull, he too knew what was going on at the White House.

Everyone else seemed to.

A new sense of basic honesty in the White House sure would be refreshing.

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Chinese Headache Comin' On

The Clinton administration may not get safely out of office without having to face off with China over Taiwan. If and when it happens, it will dwarf all other confrontations faced by this President.

It has proved oh so very easy for the draft dodger President to send American troops into one morass after another on the pretext that some kind of national interest was being served. Somalia, to feed hungry people. It was a disaster. Most of the food went to warlords who remain in power today. Bosnia. We still have thousands of troops on the ground there. From time to time, some get killed without big headlines. It's a quagmire from which Clinton has no clue of extrication. He'll just leave it for the next guy. Serbia. We leaped into the breach and with hindsight clearly hastened the ethnic cleansing. With air power alone, we put the Serbs out of business and now it is the Serbian people who are being killed, kept from their homes and turned into refugees. There is no righteous indignation about that from the White House, and UN peacekeepers find themselves protecting Christian Serbs from the Muslims.

But none of that begins to compare to China.

China has installed missile batteries on its shoreline facing Taiwan. Chinese President Jiang has said that military force will be used to reunify the renegade state with mainland China, and he has said it should happen sooner

rather than later. The man just installed to run China's policy on Taiwan is General Cao Gangchuan. He's an offensive missile expert.

Eight years ago, when George Bush was President, Taiwan, our friend, was safe. Today, they have Bill Clinton and Al Gore to protect them. Put yourself in their shoes. I'm HC

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I have listened to you for many years. When I commuted from Princeton, NJ to Wilmington, DE, I listened to WCBS the entire way, three hours a day, but now that I actually work in Manhattan, ironically I find myself reading your commentaries on the web instead.

Two recent ones (We Didn't Get Here by Accident - September 5, 2000, and Abortion for Kids - August 16, 2000.) touched on a subject near to my saddened heart, and I thought I'd pass on my observations and incomplete analyses for you to ponder. I'm sure these thoughts are related, but I haven't quite figured out the link.

Many of the bizarre or totally crazy regulations, laws and standards we have are a result of parental (and other) authority being usurped by the State. (Whether it is actually being usurped, versus being abdicated by the people is open to question. Citizen participation in the governmental process isn't a widespread activity. Apathy is the norm, so perhaps the citizens are getting what they deserve.)

In family matters, the State is now positioned between parent and child, deciding what is best for children regardless of the concerns, desires or wishes of parents. The inviolability or sanctity of the family unit is simply a quaint phrase.

You wrote about the courts deciding a girl can get an abortion without her parents' consent, input, or even knowledge. Parental interest in this area has been voided by the State. Frighteningly, the State has decided that it knows better than its citizens do.

Examples of abuses by child-welfare agencies are widely available on the web, unfortunately usually in anecdotal fashion. The original intent of such child-welfare legislation is laudable, but its execution has gone horribly awry. "For the good of the child," state agencies have been given incredible extra-legal authority, quite antithetical to the normal run of legal procedure.

Every time a State has been given extraordinary powers (and it has always been for a good cause), from Imperial Rome, to Cromwell's England to Hitler's Germany, the citizens have lived to regret it. If an agency bureaucrat, who often does not share the same socio-economic or cultural values you do, disagrees with your life-style or parenting skills (and anonymous "tips" are just as valid as verified fact), the State has the authority to restructure your family and to dictate your home life.

I recall my grade school teachers in the 1950's decrying totalitarian regimes for doing exactly what our government does to its own citizens today.

We're not too far from the Spartan position that children are property of the State.

And as people have become stupider, they have decided that the famous "separation of church and state" means the prohibition of anything religious in public, rather than the simply stated prohibition against the establishment of

a state-sponsored religion.

We have successfully prohibited the use or even mention of anything related to the Deity in schools and other public places. Instead of observing that there are many ways people relate (or not, as they choose) to God and that this has shaped society and culture throughout history, we simply prohibit mention of anything even remotely religious. People that ridicule fundamentalists for prohibiting the teaching of evolution find prohibitions supporting the opposite extreme quite in order. To quote Mister Spock, "Illogical."

I would be curious to know how schools handle the part religious freedom played in the politically-correct version of the colonization of the New World. I suppose Pennsylvania and Maryland, to pick two glaring examples, (God forbid we say Society of Friends or Roman Catholic! God forbid we say "God forbid"!) simply sprang from the head of Zeus. Or is the mention of mythology, as it was considered a religion in ancient Greece, prohibited, too? If you can't read the Bible, even as literature, I suppose "antediluvian" will come to mean "prior to Hurricane Floyd." You'd better not mention Judas or albatrosses, either. Don't describe a nice place as Eden and learn the botanical name for Jack-in-the-Pulpit, pronto, or you'll see yourself in court.

I'm still trying to figure out the logic that sanctions a judge for displaying the Ten Commandments in the same courtroom where witnesses are handed a Bible and asked to call upon God to witness the truth of their testimony.

And then there is the very scary picture from the Millennium Summit. The speaker was at the podium, backed, Nurembergsequely, by a UN logo about three stories high, flanked by two grotesquely mammoth screens the size of small buildings, displaying close-ups of the speaker. Wasn't that a stock scene from every Big Brother film?



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Throwing Politicians

There's an old saying, "I wouldn't trust him as far as I can throw him. or her."

In general, that goes for politicians as a breed. Couple of easy to find examples from current headlines.

Hillary Clinton, front and center. She and hubby Bill, have presided over an administration that came up with dozens of new fees, tax increases, and other new expenses for small businesses, parks users, and regular folk like you and me. Now, Hillary says small businesses in New York should get tax deductions, 3 thousand bucks per employee. It is a good idea. It is very Republican. Don't trust her as far as you ... or a crane .. could throw her.

Al Gore's slumlord embarrassment is being moved. The Tennessee Republican Party is moving the black family that has been living in that dump Gore owns in Carthage, Tennessee .. to Lima, Ohio. Tracy Mayberry's complaints to Gore got no action until they hit the press. Mayberry said she was tired of putting up with the lies, and with Al Gore. She said he "ain't fit" to be mayor of a small town. She's been a dream come true for the GOP in Tennessee. No wonder they're helping her move.

I'm not sure I'd trust any of that bunch of politicians as far as you could throw 'em. On either side of the aisle.

Then, there's St. Rep. Jeanette Jamieson of Toccoa, Georgia. She wants to pass a law .. to outlaw lies by politicians. Wow. Now there's an idea whose time has come -- but could never happen. It's not that politicians would insist on the right to lie. As they say down South, 'They don't lie on purpose. They just cain't he'p it.' I'm HC.

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Elian - Almost Home

Elian Gonzalez and his family are almost home. The case distilled is this: People who don't like the father's politics want to take away his parental rights. That is specifically what has to happen in order for Elian to be kept in this country.

Juan Miguel Gonzalez is a commie. Got it. He wants to take his family home to Cuba. Got that. We don't like Cuba so, we should take that decision away from him. I do not get that.

Suppose for a moment that your husband or wife died, while trying to run off with your child to another country. Suppose that country, opposed to your political beliefs, decided to keep your child. What then?

This is about much more than that ideology however. It is about your right as a parent to raise your children, and to make decisions for them, until they are grown. It is about keeping the government out of your home.

Juan Miguel Gonzales is simply guilty of "wrong thinking". If the government set such a precedent, the horror of an all intrusive Big Brother government would come true.

With such a precedent, the government could make any decision regarding your children. Your wrong-thinking politics could leave your decisions

suspect. Don't tell me that's impossible in America. We have seen too much government intrusion into privacy for that argument to have any legs.

This is how we throw away our rights. We set a precedent that gives us satisfaction in one case, only to have it turned around on us in the unknowable future. Such myopia is extremely dangerous.

And so, a tip of the hat to Pres. Bill Clinton, in this case, for seeing clearly. I'm HC.

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Complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission shall be referred to the Enforcement Division of the Office of the General Counsel, where they are assigned a MUR (Matter Under Review) number and forwarded to the Central Enforcement Docket ("CED") for processing. Within five days of receipt of the complaint, the Commission shall notify all respondents referenced in the complaint, in writing, that the complaint has been filed, and shall include with such notification a copy of the complaint. Simultaneously, the complainant shall be notified that the complaint has been received. The respondents shall then have 15 days to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against them in response to the complaint. If additional time is needed in which to respond to the complaint, the respondents may request an extension of time. The request must be in writing and demonstrate good cause as to why an extension should be granted. Please be advised that not all requests are granted.

After the response period has elapsed, cases are prioritized and maintained in CED. Cases warranting the use of Commission resources are assigned as staff become available. Cases not warranting the use of Commission resources are dismissed.

If a case is assigned to a staff person, the Office of the General Counsel shall report to the Commission, making recommendations based upon a preliminary legal and factual analysis of the complaint and any submission made by the respondent. The report may recommend that the Commission: (a) find reason to believe that the complaint sets forth a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (hereinafter "the Act"); or (b) find no reason to believe that the complaint sets forth a possible violation of the Act and, accordingly, close the file.

If, by an affirmative vote of four Commissioners, the Commission determines that there is reason to believe that a respondent has committed or is about to commit a violation of the Act, the Office of the General Counsel shall open an investigation into the matter. During the investigation, the Commission has the power to subpoena documents, to subpoena individuals to appear for deposition, and to order written answers to interrogatories. A respondent may be contacted more than once by the Commission during this phase.

If during this period of investigation, a respondent indicates a desire to enter into conciliation, the Office of the General Counsel may recommend that the Commission enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe that a violation has been committed. Conciliation is an attempt to correct or prevent a violation of the Act by informal methods of

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR_____

NAME OF COUNSEL:_____

FIRM:_____

ADDRESS:_____

TELEPHONE:(_____)_____

FAX:(_____)_____

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Date

Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

TELEPHONE: HOME(_____)_____

BUSINESS(_____)_____

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